

Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kind  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kosmas  
Kratovil  
Kucinich  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lee (CA)  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Loeb sack  
Lowey  
Luján  
Lynch  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Markey (CO)  
Markey (MA)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McGovern  
McIntyre  
McMahon  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Michaud  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (VA)

Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murtha  
Nadler (NY)  
Napolitano  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Oliver  
Ortiz  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Payne (AZ)  
Payne  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree (ME)  
Polis (CO)  
Pomeroy  
Price (NC)  
Rahall  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (OH)  
Salazar  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)

Serrano  
Sestak  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sires  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Arcuri  
Austria  
Baca  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berry  
Biggett  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Blumenauer  
Boehner  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boustany  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Braley (IA)  
Bright  
Brown, Corrine  
Buchanan  
Butterfield  
Campbell  
Cantor  
Capito  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Cassidy  
Castle  
Castor (FL)  
Chandler  
Childers  
Clarke  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Cohen  
Conaway  
Connolly (VA)  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Crenshaw  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Dahlkemper  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Doggett  
Donnelly (IN)  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Driehaus  
Edwards (MD)  
Edwards (TX)  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Farr  
Filner  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foster

## NOT VOTING—53

Abercrombie  
Barrett (SC)  
Berman  
Bishop (GA)  
Bocieri  
Bono Mack  
Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cao  
Coffman (CO)  
Cuellar  
Davis (AL)  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
Dingell

Duncan  
Ehlers  
Fattah  
Gallegly  
Green, Gene  
Hall (NY)  
Harman  
Issa  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Johnson (IL)  
Jordan (OH)  
Kaptur  
Kilroy  
Lipinski  
Lofgren, Zoe  
McDermott  
McHugh  
Meeks (NY)

Melancon  
Miller, Gary  
Neal (MA)  
Perriello  
Pitts  
Putnam  
Rangel  
Rogers (KY)  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Space  
Stark  
Sullivan  
Tiberi  
Wilson (OH)

□ 1200

Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. McMAHON, Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, Messrs. MURTHA, GUTIERREZ, Mrs. CAPPS and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. MILLER of Florida changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 328, noes 50, not voting 53, as follows:

[Roll No. 109]

## AYES—328

Frank (MA)  
Frelinghuysen  
Fudge  
Gerlach  
Giffords  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goodlatte  
Gordon (TN)  
Granger  
Graves  
Grayson  
Green, Al  
Griffith  
Grijalva  
Guthrie  
Gutierrez  
Hall (TX)  
Halvorson  
Hare  
Harper  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Heinrich  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Hereth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Himes  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hodes  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Inglis  
Inslee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
Jenkins  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kind  
King (NY)  
Kirk  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN)  
Kosmas  
Kratovil  
Kucinich  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (NY)  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
LoBiondo  
Loeb sack  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Luján  
Lummis  
Lynch  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Marchant  
Markey (CO)  
Markey (MA)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McCollum  
McCotter

McGovern  
McHugh  
McIntyre  
McMahon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Minnick  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler (NY)  
Napolitano  
Nunes  
Nye  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olson  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Pallone  
Pastor (AZ)  
Paulsen  
Payne  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree (ME)  
Platts  
Polis (CO)  
Pomeroy  
Posey  
Price (GA)  
Price (NC)  
Rahall  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Rooney  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Salazar  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Scalise  
Schakowsky  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schock  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sestak  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sires  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder

Souder  
Speier  
Spratt  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor  
Teague  
Terry  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Tierney  
Titus  
Tonko

Towns  
Tsongas  
Turner  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walden  
Walz  
Wamp  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt

## NOES—50

Akin  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Bartlett  
Barton (TX)  
Blackburn  
Blunt  
Bonner  
Broun (GA)  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Carter  
Chaffetz  
Cole  
Davis (KY)  
Fallin  
Flake

Foxx  
Franks (AZ)  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gingrey (GA)  
Herger  
Hunter  
Johnson, Sam  
King (IA)  
Kingston  
Latta  
Lewis (CA)  
Linder  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Mack  
Manzullo  
McHenry

Moran (KS)  
Neugebauer  
Pascarell  
Paul  
Petri  
Poe (TX)  
Radanovich  
Royce  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Smith (TX)  
Stearns  
Stupak  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Westmoreland

## NOT VOTING—53

Abercrombie  
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Bocieri  
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Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cao  
Coffman (CO)  
Cuellar  
Crowley  
Davis (AL)  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio

Dingell  
Duncan  
Ehlers  
Fattah  
Gallegly  
Green, Gene  
Hall (NY)  
Harman  
Issa  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Johnson (IL)  
Jordan (OH)  
Kaptur  
Kilroy  
Lipinski  
Lofgren, Zoe  
McDermott  
McKeon

Melancon  
Miller, Gary  
Neal (MA)  
Perriello  
Pitts  
Putnam  
Rangel  
Rogers (KY)  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Space  
Stark  
Sullivan  
Tiberi  
Wilson (OH)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1207

Mr. PENCE changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on H.J. Res. 38. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted “aye” on this resolution and “no” on the motion to recommit.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby notify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Whereas The Hill reported on February 10, 2009, that “a top defense-lobbying firm” that “specializes in obtaining earmarks in the defense budget for a long list of clients” was “recently raided by the FBI.”;

Whereas the Associated Press reported on February 25, 2009 that the “FBI searched the lobbying firm . . . and the residence of its founder . . .”;

Whereas The Hill reported on March 4, 2009, that the firm “has given \$3.4 million to 284 Members of Congress”;

Whereas Politico reported on February 13, 2009, that “federal investigators are asking about thousands of dollars in campaign contributions to lawmakers as part of an effort to determine whether they were illegal ‘straw man’ donations.”;

Whereas Roll Call reported on February 20, 2009, that they have “located tens of thousands of dollars worth of [the raided firm]-linked donations that are improperly reported in the FEC database.”;

Whereas Roll Call also reported that “tracking Federal Election Commission records of campaign donations attributed to [the firm] is a comedy of errors, misinformation and mysteries, providing more questions than answers about how much money the lobbying firm actually raised for Congressional campaigns.”;

Whereas CQ Today reported on February 19, 2009, that “104 House members got earmarks for projects sought by [clients of the firm] in the 2008 defense appropriations bills,” and that 87 percent of this bipartisan group of Members received campaign contributions from the raided firm;

Whereas The Hill reported on February 10, 2009, that in 2008 clients of this firm had “received \$299 million worth of earmarks, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense.”;

Whereas The Hill reported on February 23, 2009, that “clients of a defense lobby shop under investigation are continuing to score earmarks from their patrons in Congress, despite the firm being on the verge of shutting its doors permanently” and that several of the firm’s clients “are slated to receive earmarks worth at least \$8 million in the omnibus spending bill funding the federal government through the rest of fiscal 2009 . . .”;

Whereas the Washington Post reported on June 13, 2008, in a story describing increased earmark spending in the House version of the fiscal year 2009 defense authorization bill that “many of the earmarks serve as no-bid contracts for the recipients.”;

Whereas the Associated Press reported on February 25, 2009, that “the Justice Department’s fraud section is overseeing an investigation into whether [the firm] reimbursed some employees for campaign contributions to members of Congress who requested the projects.”;

Whereas Politico reported on February 12, 2009, that “several sources said FBI agents have spent months laying the groundwork for their current investigation, including conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions.”;

Whereas House Resolution 189, instructing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to investigate the relationship between earmark requests already made by Members and the source and timing of past campaign contributions, was considered as a privileged matter on February 25, 2009, and the motion to table the measure was agreed to by recorded vote of 226 to 182 with 12 Members voting present;

Whereas House Resolution 212, instructing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to investigate the relationship between earmark requests already made by Members on behalf of clients of the raided firm and the source and timing of past campaign contributions, was considered as a privileged

matter on March 3, 2009, and the motion to table the measure was agreed to by recorded vote of 222 to 181 with 14 Members voting present;

Whereas the reportedly fraudulent nature of campaign contributions originating from the raided firm, as well as reports of the Justice Department conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions, raise concern about the integrity of congressional proceedings and the dignity of the institution; and

Whereas the fact that cases are being investigated by the Justice Department does not preclude the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct from taking investigative steps: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That (a) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or an investigative subcommittee of the committee established jointly by the chair and ranking minority member, shall immediately begin an investigation into the relationship between earmark requests for fiscal year 2009 already made by Members on behalf of clients of the raided firm and the source and timing of past campaign contributions related to such requests.

(b) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall submit a report of its findings to the House of Representatives within 2 months after the date of adoption of this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Arizona will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a) and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission:

Mr. DINGELL, Michigan  
Mr. WITTMAN, Virginia

□ 1215

JAMES BUTLER BONHAM

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, March 6, is an important day in not only Texas’s history but American history because this is the day that the Alamo fell with 187 volunteers from all States in the United States and numerous foreign countries. Even though all of the defenders of the Alamo were killed, ten times that number was killed on the enemy side, the invading Mexican army.

March 2, earlier this week, was the day that Texas declared independence from Mexico. And during that final successful battle at San Jacinto, Texas gained independence and was a free and independent nation for over 9 years.

There are many Texas heroes, remembering, of course, they came from all over the world, at the Alamo. We’ve heard about William Barret Travis, the commander; Davy Crockett; Jim Bowie. We later hear about Sam Houston at the battle of San Jacinto.

But we often don’t remember a person by the name of James Butler Bonham. A 29-year-old, he was from the University of South Carolina, grew up in Red Bank, South Carolina. He was a boyhood friend of William Barret Travis. And it was his job, along with Juan Seguin, to try to seek out reinforcements to the Alamo. He would break through enemy lines numerous times to try to bring people to come in aid at the Alamo. He was successful in bringing 32 men from Gonzales. He breaks through the lines his final time, goes to Washington-on-the-Brazos to try to get more recruits. They refused to go because they were trying to build a government. And when he left that time on March 3, he made the report that “I will report back to my friend William Barret Travis or die in the attempt that no one is coming.” He broke through the enemy lines one last time, and 3 days later, he and the other 186 defenders of the Alamo gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

Another example in American history of the character and integrity of people who have lived before us that believe some things are worth fighting for and one of those is freedom, liberty, and independence.

And that’s just the way it is.

#### TRIBUTE TO WADAHAWA SINGH GILL

(Mr. MCCLINTOCK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Rev. Wadahawa Singh Gill, who passed away last week at age of 87.

For many years Rev. Gill was the spiritual leader of the Sikh community in Northern California. He was an amazing man who not only ministered